

Traffic Advisory Committee minutes for Thursday, May 5, 2005.

In attendance: M.J. Frisoli, T. Turner, L. Nickens, T. Riley, A. Masciari, T. Olson, P. Curro.

Absent:

Also attending: G. Clancy, Sgt. Hamilton,.

7:07 p.m. Meeting called to order

(7:07) Administrative Matters: TAC minutes from April 2005. Minutes were amended to correct several items. Minutes were unanimously approved. MF stated that she was concerned over status of minutes from several TAC meetings from 2004. She will determine the status of these minutes prior to our next meeting. MF informed the TAC that the consultants from City of Cambridge on the Brighton/Blanchard/Grove design will present the final plan on Thursday May 12, 2005.

(7:15 p.m.) Crosswalk on Belmont St. at Lexington St. The TAC considered a request from Mr. Hobson of 885 Belmont St. in Watertown for new crosswalks at Lexington and Belmont Streets. After considerable discussion of the merits and possible placement of new crosswalks to allow safe passage across Belmont Street, the TAC decided to place this site onto the Intersection Improvement list.

(7:44 p.m.) Pavement Management—Bright Rd. Two issues were introduced. First was the raised intersection at Gale St., the second was the lane stripping on Bright Rd. GC thought that this site was inappropriate for a raised intersection because of the grade on Gale Rd., and because of the potential conflict for MBTA buses on Bright Rd. There was further discussion on the stripping of Bright Rd. MF suggested that the TAC amend its recommendation these two points. TR moved that Bright Rd. not be painted, but that GC be instructed to use his discretion with regard to the raised intersection.

(8:20 p.m.) Trapelo Rd. Update. MF provided some history on the respective roles of the Planning Board and the Traffic Advisory Committee in the Belmont/Trapelo Corridor project. She stated that the recommendations of the Planning Board are to be viewed as one of many inputs to the process, and that the TAC will primarily oversee the process.

A committee was assembled to select a consultant to work with the TAC on the BTC project. Out of seven proposals that were submitted, three firms were interviewed. GC stated that a leading candidate has been identified, and that he is making some final reference checks prior to awarding the contract. TR asked about how close to a final design is required to apply for funding by the TIP process. MF answered by promising that this and other questions will be addressed at the June TAC meeting.

(8:45 p.m.) Report of the Intersection Improvement Subcommittee. The subcommittee discussed the process by which they established the criteria to select intersections within Belmont. The list was open for discussion to the TAC, and some reassignment of priorities were made. A final version will be submitted to TAC for approval for the May 12, 2005 meeting.

Meeting Adjourned 9:10 p.m.